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Chief, FBID

Progress report for September 1950

1. On 27 September 1950 the FBID Chief Engineer returned from an inspection of facilities at the West Coast, Tokyo and Okinawa Bureaus. While conditions were found to be generally satisfactory the antenna system at the Okinawa Bureau is in need of considerable repair and preventive maintenance and an adequate typhoon shelter which could also be used as a bomb shelter in the housing area is reported to be highly desirable.
2. The ORE proposal to transfer the FBID Special Reports Branch to ORE to become a part of the Psychological Intelligence Division was disapproved by the Director.
3. With a limited detail of personnel from the Editorial Branch to the Special Reports Branch preparation for the early publication of a "Survey of Far East Broadcasts" has continued. It is anticipated that the first publication, which will be limited to Chinese (Nationalist and Communist) and Indochinese broadcasts, will be available for distribution during the second week in October. The Survey will be expanded to include all Far East broadcasts as additional personnel are entered on duty.
4. In order to prepare the "Survey of Far East Broadcasts" without any increase in present reproduction requirements a shortened version of the "Survey of USSR Broadcasts" which is acceptable to principal consumers will be published beginning 5 October 1950. It is contemplated that this Survey will publish biweekly and will consist of approximately ten single-spaced pages. In addition a short report of approximately two pages entitled "Highlights of Moscow Broadcasts," which will point out the subject and area emphases, new lines, omissions and avoidances, etc., in Soviet broadcasts, will be published weekly. It is expected that the flexibility gained by the publication of an abbreviated biweekly Survey and a weekly Highlights will allow more time to be devoted to special reports of greater current value.
5. In response to an urgent State Department request a continuing statistical study of Cominform broadcasts to and concerning Yugoslavia and including the Yugoslav broadcasts was inaugurated on 18 September 1950. The purpose of this study is to provide data which might be relevant to anticipations of a Satellite attack on Yugoslavia.

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6. The augmented Korean, English and Japanese staffs at the Tokyo Bureau have enabled the combined effort of bureaus covering Far East broadcasts to keep pace with the rapidly changing coverage of the Korean stations. Coverage of the deteriorating North Korean network has been bolstered by adding coverage of the press morsecasts of the Korean Central Press, Pyongyang.

7. The new communications facility between Cyprus and London, arranged by the BBC under the terms of the FBIS-BBC Reciprocal Arrangement and placed in service last August, has increased the file capacity from Cyprus to 30,000 words per day. Approximately 14,000 words are now being filed to Washington. This circuit has also reduced the average transmission time of a message from Cyprus to London to ten minutes, a saving of approximately one hour over the old method.

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